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SUBJECT: JULY ONE NATIONAL DAY CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO BURUNDI

1. THE UNITED STATE HAS TRADITIONALLY SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO BURUNDI ON THE JULY ONE ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, AND I ASSUME THA THE POLICY WILL CONTINUE THIS YEAR. IN RECENT PAST, MESSAGES HAVE BEEN COOL AND VAGUE, REFLECTING OUR CHAGRIN AT HUTU-TUTSI INFIGHTING WHICH HAS LED TO SUCH SUFFERING.

2. ON OTHERHAND, FIVE YEARS HAVE NOW PASSED SINCE LAST BROAD SCALE MESSACRES HERE, AND NEW REGIME HAS TAKEN OVER WHICH HAS PLEDGED ITSELF TO A NEW DEAL FOR ALL CITIZENS. CLEARLY THIS HAS NOT RPT NOT YET HAPPENED; AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY POLICY (AND MUCH MORE, ONE WITH AS MUCH POLITICAL DYNAMITE AS PRESIDENT BAGAZA HAS PROCLAIMED IN REGARD TO HUTU-TUTSI RECONCILIATION) IS TERRIBLY DIFFICULT IN AS UNDERDEVELOPED AND FRACTIOUS A SOCIETY AS THIS ONE. NEVERTHELESS, I THINK THAT SOME SUPPORT FOR BAGAZA'S EXPRESSED CONCEPTS WOULD NOW RPT NOW BE APPROPRIATE, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY ARE IN LINE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS FOCUS OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

3. ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD PROPOSE SOME MESSAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "AS THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI CELEBRATES THE 15GH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRA-
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TULATE YOUR EXCELLENCY, YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF BURUNDI ON THE STEPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THE PAST MONTHS TO RENEW THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE NATIONALUNITY, INTERNAL HARMONY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR EVERY CITIZEN. PLEASE ACCEPT MY ASSURANCES THAT IN YOUR STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE HUMAN DIGNITY, EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY, AND NATIONAL PROSPERITY, YOU WILL HAVE THE FULL COOPERATION OF MY GOVERNMENT AND OF THE

AMERICAN PEOPLE."

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